

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Twenty first Session

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MINUTES
of the
TWENTY - FIRST SESSION
of the
LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the

Methodist E. Church, South

Held in Baton Rouge in December - 1866

Bishop Robert Paine, D.D. Presiding.

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FIRST DAY

Conference assembled Wednesday, December 12th, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Baton Rouge, at 9:00 o'clock, a.m., Bishop Robert Paine, presiding, and was opened with reading of the Scriptures, singing, and Prayer conducted by the Bishop. The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, and the following members were present and answered to their names: To wit:

Joseph B. Walker, John C. Keener, Robert J. Harp, Alexander E. Goodwyn, Philo M. Goodwyn, James A. Ivy, Wm. G. McGaughley, Joshua F. Scarlock, Wm. E. M. Linfield, Linus Parker, John Pipes, John A. Pauley, Henry O. White, Joseph H. Stone, Reynolds Trippett, John A. Reed, Thomas J. Upton, Philip H. Dieffrenwerth, John F. Wynn, and Leven M. Lewis: being twenty-one in all.

Linus Parker was elected Secretary, and Charles F. Evans Assistant Secretary.

Levin M. Lewis was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Education in the place of Baxter Clegg, absent. Joseph B. Walker was appointed committee on Memoirs.

The Committee on Public Worship was constituted by the appointment of the Presiding Elders of the New Orleans District, the preacher in charge of Baton Rouge, and Benj. F. Alexander.

Charles W. Carter who was elected to preach the Conference Sermon, not having arrived, the Eleven o'clock service of Sacrament was postponed, the sacrament service to be deferred until the preaching of the Conference Sermon.

The time of meeting was fixed at 9 A.M. and of adjournment at 1:00 P.M.

Question First: Who are admitted on
on Trial?

Answer: John Wilkinson, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Carondelet Street Church, New Orleans District, and Robert A. Davis, recommended by the Washington and Bayou Boeuf Quarterly Conference of the Opelousas District were admitted.

Question Second: Who remain on Trial?

Answer: None. The character of Benj. F. Baker was passed, and he was discontinued at his own request.

Question Third: Who are admitted into
full connection?

Answer: Charles F. Evans on Deacons Orders, was admitted. Robert Hardie's character was passed and he was discontinued at his own request.

Question Fourth: Who are re-admitted?

Answer: None.

Question Fifth: Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer: Joel T. Davis, in Elder's Orders, from the Texas Conference, and J. B. A. Ahrens, a Deacon of one year, from the same Conference; B. R. Dunal from the Virginia Conference.

Question Sixth: Who are the Deacons of one year?

Answer: Alanson W. Moore's character was passed and he was continued as a Deacon of one year.

Question Seventh: What Traveling Preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

Answer: None.

Question Ninth: What Traveling Preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

Answer None: The characters of Seaborn J. Graves, Charles W. Hodge and John F. DeWitt were passed and they were continued in the class of the Fourth Year. The case of Henry B. Frazer was laid over.

Note: General Statistic to be found on following pages:

GENERAL STATISTICS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE - 1866

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT:	MEMBERS					L. PREACHERS		BAPTISMS	
	WHITES	COLORED	WHITES		ADULTS	INFANTS			
Carondelet Street	318		3		24	14			
Felicity Street	172		5		5	26			
Moreau Street	77					17			
First German Ch.	88					16			
Second German Ch.	86		1			35			
Lafayette Ger. Ch	50		1			12			
Jefferson City, La.									
Avenue	37		2		1	6			
New Orleans Ct.	22								
Baton Rouge	76		1		4	2			
Plaquemine and									
Grosse Tete	57	224							
Centenary College									
Wesley Soule of									
Winans Chapel									
	976	224	12		34	128			

GENERAL STATISTICS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE 1866 - Continued

Opelousas District: Jos. E. Bradley	63					
Washington & Bayou B. Fisher T. Ranson	62					
Lafayette J. F. Mims	249	9	1			
New Iberia Jos. D. Adams	98	24	1		12	20
Franklin Alex. E. Goodwyn	98					
Pattersonville Henry B. Frazee	24		1			
Thibodeaux & Houma Robert Hardie	48	100	200			
Plaquemine Brulee Jno S. Davis	60	1				
Opelousas Male & Benj F. White						
Female School						
	701	134	4		12	20
Alexandria District: Philo M. Goodwyn P.E.						
Alexandria "	24	15				
Rapides Circuit William J. Atwood	220		2			
Calcasieu	175	53.				
Grand Cheniere Seaborn J. Graves	61	24				
Centerville Alanson W. Moore	161		1			6
Harrisonburg & Trinity	20	46				
Columbia Edwin W. Yancey	166	27				
Evergreen & Big Cane Henry O. White	55	15			2	3
Marksville Robert Parvin	20					
Winnfield Jno. H. Boulton	94		2			

Alexandria Dist. Cont'd.
 Atlanta Jno. F. Wynn
 Chicot Fredk. White

Homer District: Reynolds Tripett, P.E.
 Homer Circuit Nehemiah A. Cravens
 Vernon Whitmel P. Kimball
 Louisville Wm. Waldrip, Sup.
 Farmersville Benj. F. Baker, Asst.
 Ouachita Robert T. Parish
 Downs ville Charles W. Hodge
 Monroe Wm. D. Stayton
 Reynolds Trippett

Minden District: Sam. S. Scott, P.E.
 Minden Circuit Jno. A. Miller
 Haynesville Jno. F. Truslow
 Mount Lebanon Robt. A. New
 Sparta Thos. J. Upton
 Bienville Richard M. Crowson
 South Bossier Wm. D. Shea
 Samuel B. Swratt

160	15	3	27	7
40				
1196	195	9	29	16
520	130	8	50	25
400	40	9		
120	40	3		
250	30	3		
54	50	2		
175				
34	50	2		
1553	340	27	50	25
278	73	1	2	
232		2		
157	65	1		
211	83	1	40	10
50	6			
149		1		
1077	227	6	40	10

Shreveport District: Benj. F. Alexander P. E.

Shreveport	Levin M. Lewis	102	37	1	4	1
North Bossier	Nathaniel M. Talbot	70	50			
Greenwood & Caddo	Robert Parvin, A. P.					
Mansfield	John Pipes	148	52	2	8	12
	James L. Chapman					
Pleasant Hill	William H. Moss	228	20	2	25	6
Manny		200	16	6	15	15
Red River	Jno. C. Reed	350	80	3		
	Robt. R. R. Alexander	13	46			
Bayou LaChute	Baxter Clegg	10				
Campite	Jesse Fulton	1434	501	14	127	69
				4		
Bastrop District:	Jas. A. Ivy, P. E.					
Bastrop & Wright's	Jos. H. Stone, Asst.	116	1	1	22	5
Chapel	Chas. W. Carter	100	25			
Bayou Bartholomew	Jos. H. Stone	76	92	2	6	8
Jefferson	James L. Wright	4				
Desire	Wm. C. Haislip					
		299	118	3	28	13

Tensas District: Wm. G. McGaughey, P.E.

Lake Providence	Anthony Cannon	89				
Wesley & Jordan,						
Chapels	Philip H. Dieffenwerth	20				
Bayou Macon	Henry L. Green	84				
Tensas & Waterproof	J. Little, Supply	50				
Winnsborough	Thos. H. McClendon	84	24			10
Delhi	Thos. J. Lacey	60	75			
Carroll	Thomas Renneau, Sup	45	17	8		11
Deer Creek &						
Sicily Island	Lewis A. Reed	98		2		4
Concordia	Fielding Bell	10				
Ion	Joshua F. Scarlock	122	128	1		2
		612	244	11		27

RECAPITULATION ON FOLLOWING PAGE.

RECAPITULATION

New Orleans District:
 Opelousas District
 Alexandria District
 Homer District
 Minden District
 Shreveport District
 Bastrop District
 Tensas District

Totals this year

976	224	12	34	128
701	134	4	12	20
1196	195	9	29	16
1553	340	27	50	25
1077	227	9	110	10
1434	501	18	127	69
299	118	3	28	13
612	244	11	94	27
7848	1983	93	414	308

	Missionary Debt.	Bible Cause	Tract Cause	Church Bldg. Repairs	Parsonages	Amt. Paid House Rent	Amount col. for poor	Amt. Col. & expended Local Mis.
New Orleans Dist:								
Carondelet Street	\$458.			\$1683.		\$865.	\$160.	\$ 75.
Felicity Street	525.	\$85.				900.	150.	
Moreau Street			\$23.	671.			100.	200.
First German Church				2200.			20.	
Second German Ch.	6.			60.			5.	
Lafayette Ger. Ch.	10.			3599				
Jefferson City				275				
New Orleans Circuit								
Baton Rouge								
Plaquemine &								
Grosse Tete								
Centenary College								
Wesley Soule &								
Winans Chapel.								
	\$993.	\$85.	\$23.	\$8488.		\$1765.	\$435.	\$ 275.

Opelousas District:
Washington & Bayou
Beouf.

Opelousas
Lafayette
New Iberia
Franklin
Pattersonville
Thibodeaux & Houma
Plaquemine Brulee
Opelousas Male &
Female School

\$ 15.

\$ 250.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT:

Alexandria
Rapides Circuit
Calcasieu
Grand Cheniere
Centerville
Harrisonburg and
Trinity
Columbia
Evergreen & Big Cane

\$15.

\$ 250.

\$ 225.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT:

Shreveport
 North Bossier
 Greenwood and
 Caddo
 Mansfield
 Pleasant Hill
 Manny
 Red River
 Bayou LaChute
 Campte

\$61.

40.

51.

30.

\$750.

\$1100.

33.

\$ 162.

\$750.

\$1133.

BASTROP DISTRICT:

Bastrop & Wright's
 Chapels.
 Bayou Bartholomew
 Jefferson
 Desire

\$ 5.

16.

\$2500.

\$ 21.

\$2500.

Tensas District:

(NOT ONE COLLECTION)

RECAPITULATION OF COLLECTIONS:

New Orleans District:	\$	\$ 85.00	\$23.00	\$8488	\$	\$1765	\$435	\$275
Opelousas District				250				
Alexandria District				500			31	
Homer District				1350				
Minden District				750	1133			
Shreveport District				2500		\$300		
Bastrop District								
Tensas District								
	\$	\$ 85.	\$23.00	\$13838	1133	2065	465	275

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS - 1866

No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library	COLLECTIONS		No. of Visitors	No. of Scholars in Church
				For Sunday School	For Mis.		
1	30	210	720	\$470.00		150	16
1	20	139	400		45.	150	8
1	16	100	800	100.		100	8
1	22	120	350	45.	70.	100	6
1	20	100	250	40			5
1	12	60	250	20.		75	1
1	11	66	229	117.95	21.	50	5
1	16	88	150	10.			
2	8	70	50	25.			
1							
10	155	953	3199	\$827.95	135.	625	49

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT:

Carondelet Street
 Felicity Street
 Moreau Street
 First German Church
 Second German Church
 Lafayette Ger. Church
 Jefferson City, La. Ave
 New Orleans Circuit
 Baton Rouge
 Plaquemine & Grosse Tete
 Centenary College
 Wesley Soule &
 Winan's Chapels

(Statistic continued on following page)

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS - 1866 (Continued)

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT:

Opelousas
 Washington &
 Bayou Beouf
 Lafayette
 New Iberia
 Franklin
 Pattersonville
 Thibodeaux & Houma
 Plaquemine Brulee
 Opelousas Male &
 Female School

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT:

Alexandria
 Rapides Circuit
 Calcasieu
 Grand Cheniere
 Centerville
 Harrisonburg & Trinity
 Columbia
 Evergreen &
 Big Cane

1	13	75	150			
2	9	75	100			
2	11	110	80			
1	13	74	150	\$ 20.	30	60
1	10	79	150			
1	6	20	100			
8	62	423	730	\$ 20.	30	60
1	8	40	200	\$15.	20	

ALEXANDRIA DIST. CONT'D.

Marksville
Winnfield
Atlanta
Chicot

HOMER DISTRICT:

Homer Circuit
Vernon
Louisville
Farmerville
Ouachita
Downsville
Monroe

MINDEN DISTRICT:

Minden Circuit
Haynesville
Mount Lebanon
Sparta
Bienville
South Bossier

1	6	35	50						
2	14	75	250	\$15.00	20	12			
1	8	60	200	85.	\$22.				
1	8	60	200	85.	\$22.				
1	7	30	50	\$52.					
2	7	30	50	52.00	\$22.				

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT:

Shreveport	1	16	64	450	\$200.	10	
North Bossier	3	15	75	700	75.		
Greenwood & Caddo	1	15	145	350	100.	50.	3
Mansfield	2	3	72	245			
Pleasant Hills							
Manny							
Red River							
Bayou LaChute							
Campite	7	49	284	1745	\$375.	60.	3

BASTROP DISTRICT:

Bastrop &							
Wright's Chapel	1	8	50	200			
Bayou Bartholomew							
Jefferson							
Desire	1	8	50	200			

TENSAS DISTRICT:

Lake Providence							
Wesley & Jordan's Chap.							
Tensas & Waterproof							
Bayou Macon	1	3	11				
Winnsborough							

TENSAS DIST. CONT'D.
 Delhi
 Carroll
 Deer Creek & Sicily Is.
 Concordia
 Ion

RECAPITULATION

New Orleans District
 Opelousas District
 Alexandria District
 Homer District
 Minden District
 Shreveport District
 Bastrop District
 Tensas District

2	10	40								
3	13	51								
10	155	953	3199	\$827.95	\$134.	625	49			
8	62	423	730	20.		30	60			
2	14	75	250	15.		20	12			
1	8	60	200	85.	22.					
2	7	30	50	52.		60	3			
7	49	284	1745	375.						
1	8	50	200							
3	13	51								
34	316	1926	6374	\$1374.95	\$158.	745	124			

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT - STATISTICS - 1866

	Total Allow- ance.	Total Receipts	Widows & Orphans Per Cent.	Amount Collected for Bishop.
John C. Keener, P.E. New Orleans Dist.	\$2000	\$2000.		
Joseph B. Walker Carondelet St	3000	3000.	230.	\$255.
Linus Parker Felicity Street	3000	3000.	435.	108.
Robert J. Harp Moreau Street	1000	1000.	50.	50.
J. B. A. Ahrens 1st. German Ch.			17.	
John Pauley 2nd. German Ch.	600.	600.	20.	7.
Charles F. Evans Lafayette Ger. Ch.				
Algiers Jefferson City &	1200.	600.	30.	12.
W. E. M. Linfield Louisiana Ave.			45.	28.
Almarin G. Miller New Orleans Ct.				48.
Alexander E. Goodwyn, Opelousas Dist.				
James E. Bradley, Opelousas				
Fisher T. Rawson Washington &				
Bayou Beouf.	300.	300.	15.	8.
	\$10800.	\$10200.	\$ 877.	\$ 508.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT (CONT'D)

Opelousas Dist.:

J. F. Mims, Sup.	Lafayette				
Joseph D. Adams	New Iberia			\$ 20.	\$ 20.
Alex. E. Goodwyn	Franklin				
Henry B. Frazee	Pattersonville				
Robert Hardie	Thibodeaux & Houma.				
John S. Davis	Plaquemine Brule	600.			9.
Benj. F. White	Opelousas School				
Philo M. Goodwyn, P.E.	Alexandria Dist.	\$ 900.	\$ 600.	\$ 35.	\$ 37.
" "	Alexandria		150.	8.	
Wm. J. Atwood, Sup	Rapides Ct.		324.	16.	32.
	Calcasieu.				9.
Seaborn J. Graves	Grand Cheniere				
Alanson W. Moore	Centerville		158.		65.
	Harrisonburg and Trinity.				
Edwin W. Yancey	Columbia				
Henry O. White.	Evergreen & Big Cane		155.	8.	4.
Robert Parvin	Marksville	450.		8.	

Alexandria Dist. Cont'd.
 John H. Boulton Winnfield
 John F. Wynn Atlanta
 Fred White Chicot

Bastrop District: James A. Ivy
 Charles W. Carter Bastrop &
 Wright's Chapel
 "
 Joseph H. Stone
 James L. Wright Jefferson
 Wm. C. Haislip Desire

Reynolds Trippett, P.E. Homer Dist.
 N. A. Cravens Homer Circuit
 Whitmel P. Kimball Vernon
 Wm. Waldrip, Sup. Louisville
 Ben. F. Baker, Asst. "
 Robert T. Parish Farmerville
 Charles W. Hodge Ouachita
 Wm. D. Slayton Downsillve
 Reynolds Trippett Monroe

500.	150.	8.	1.
\$ 950.	\$937.	\$48.	\$ 47.
400.			
1,000.	1000.	24.	23.
450.	230.	12.	7.
1,000.	564.	36.	10.
400.	145.		15.
\$3,250.	1939.	72.	\$ 55.
1,350.	1200.	60.	40.
	90.	5.	4.
\$ 1,350.	1290.	65.	44.

Samuel S. Scott, P.E. Minden Dist.				
John A. Miller	\$ 900.	\$ 838.	\$103.	\$ 52.
John F. Truslow	900	500.	10.	
Robt. A. New				
Thos. J. Upton	1000.	300.	15.	23.
Richard M. Crowson				
Wm. D. Shea				
Samuel B. Suratt		160.		
	\$ 2800.	\$1798	\$128.	\$80.
Benj. F. Alexander, P.E. Shreveport D.				
Levin M. Lewis	700.	500.	25.	
Nathaniel Talbot	3000.	2365.	41.	
Samuel J. Hamilton	1000.			
Robert Parvin A.P.	1100.	600.	30.	
Mansfield	600.	300	15.	
"	1000.	1000	50.	35.
Thomas B. White				
Wm. H. Moss	900.	400.		10.
John C. Reed		10.		
Robt. R. R. Alexander				
Baxter Clegg	1000.			
Bayou LaChute		140.		

SHREVEPORT DIST. CONT'D.
Jesse Fulton Campiti

TENSAS DIST.

Wm. G. McGaughy, P. E.
Anthony Cannon, Lake Providence
Philip H. Dieffenwrth, Wesley &
 Jordan's Chapel
J. Little, Supply, Tensas & Waterproof
Henry L. Green Bayou Macon
Thomas H. McClendon, Winnsborough
Thomas J. Lacey Delhi
Thos. Renneau, Sup. Carroll
Lewis A. Reed Deer Creek & Sicily Is.
Fielding Bell Concordia
Joshua F. Scurlock Ion

\$ 500				
\$ 9800.	\$5375.	\$ 161.		\$ 45.
1000.	300.	5.		10.
60.	120.	6.		
500.	450.	13.		10.
\$1560.	\$870.	\$24.		\$20.

(Recapitulation on following page)

RECAPITULATION:

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
 Opelousas District
 Alexandria District
 Homer District
 Minden District
 Shreveport District
 Bastrop
 Tensas District

\$10800.	\$10200.	\$877.	\$	507.
900.	600	35		37.
950.	937.	48.		47.
1350.	1290.	65.		44.
2800.	1798.	128.		80.
9800.	5315.	161.		45.
3250.	1939.	71.		55.
1560.	870.	24.		20.
\$ 31410.	\$23009.	\$1408.	\$	\$833.

Question Tenth: What local preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

Answer: Jacob Uber recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the German Churches of New Orleans; Matthias Moass recommended by the same, and Anthony W. Tucker recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Greenwood and Caddo Circuits, Shreveport District having certified their belief in the Doctrines and Discipline of the Church were elected.

Joseph B. Walker was appointed a special committee to examine A. B. A. Ahrens on the studies of the Third and Fourth years.

John C. Keener offered and read a communication from N. J. B. McFerrin, Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, which was offered to the committee of the whole on Missions.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at half past three in committee of the whole on Missions.

Benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY

Thursday, December 13th, 1866

Conference met at 9 o'clock a.m. Bishop Paine in the Chair. Religious services were conducted by Robert J. Harp. Roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

John Pipes was appointed to act as Chairman of the Committee in Ministerial Support in

the absence of the Charles W. Carter.

A communication from the President of Mansfield Female College addressed to the Board of Managers of that Institution was read and returned to the Board with directions that the Board furnish the Conference with a written report.

A communication received from Dr. A. H. Redford, Agent of the Publishing House, was referred without reading to the Committee on Church Publications.

Benj. F. Alexander presented certain papers of communication from the Trustees of Pierce and Paine College, which were read and referred to the Committee on Education.

James A. Ivy offered the following Resolutions: To Wit:

RESOLVED: that we recommend to the Bishop and his cabinet to take into consideration the property of appointing at least one Missionary in each District to labor with the colored people.

RESOLVED, That we discourage all independent meetings held by colored people without authority of any religious Denomination, and that we request the Trustees to withhold from them the use of our houses for such meetings. The resolutions were referred to the Committee on Missions.

Question Eight: What Local Preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

Answer: Thomas S. Collins, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Winnfield

and Atlanta Circuits; Charles Lewis, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Downsville Circuit; Thomas B. Reneau recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Carroll Circuit, Thomas M. Mann recommended by the same Quarterly Conference; and William Banks, a freed man, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Waterproof and Tensas Chapel, were elected.

Question Ninth, **RESUMED**; What Local Preachers are elected and welcomed Elders?

Answer: John F. Bellamy, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Winnfield and Atlanta Circuits, having certified his belief in the Doctrines and Disciplin of the Church was elected.

Question Fifteenth: Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?

Answer: The names of John C. Keener, Jos. B. Walker, Linus Parker, Robert J. Harp, John Pauley, W. E. M. Linfield, Almarin G. Miller, Wade H. Frost, Arthus W. Smith, Alexander E. Goodwyn, James E. Bradley, Joseph D. Adams, Benj. F. White, Fisher T. Rawson, Philo M. Goodwyn, Edwyn W. Yancey, Henry O. White, Robert Parvin, John F. Wynn and Frederick White were called and their characters passed.

The names of Clayton C. Gillespie, Anderson B. Fly and John H. Boulton were called, their characters passed, and they were granted a Location at their own request.

The name of John S. Davis was called, his character passed, and he was granted a supernumerary relation.

The name of Mathin D. Thomasson, being called. The Conference was informed of his death. Grateful tributes were paid to his memory by Bishop Paine, Drs. Keener and Walker, and A. E. Goodwyn and Conference joined in solemn and fervent prayer lead by Dr. J. B. Walker.

The Chaitman of the Committee on Ministerial support was instructed to settle with claimants this year in accordance with the plan of the old disciplinary allowance.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at three-thirty o'clock in committee of the Whole on Missions.

Benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY

Friday - December 14.

Conference met at 9 o'clock. Bishop Paine in the chair. Religious services were conducted by Linus Parker. On motion the calling of the Roll was dispensed with for the remainder of the Session. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Dr. W. H. Watkins, President Centenary College, was introduced to the Conference and a communication in reference to the college was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The following resolution was offered and referred to the same committee.

RESOLVED: that the Louisiana Conference recommend and authorize the Board of Trustees of Centenary College, to perfect and carry into operation some system of endorsement which shall sustain the college and render it efficient as an Agency of good.

Dr. John C. Keener presented the report of the Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, which was read and referred to the Committee on Church Publications.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Mansfield Female College was presented, and offered without reading to the Committee on Education.

A communication from the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge, inviting the Conference to supply their pulpit on the Sabbath was read and respectfully referred to the Committee on Public Worship.

N. A. Cravens having represented that the sum of Twenty Dollars, collected by him for Missions, had been stolen from him, he was released from paying over the same.

There being complaints against James A. Ivy, the case was referred to a committee composed of Linus Parker, Wm. G. McGaughey, Joseph D. Adams, John Pipes, and Levin M. Lewis.

Joseph B. Walker presented the following obituary of Matthew D. Thomasson.

OBITUARY

Rev. Matthew D. Thomasson, a Member of the Louisiana Annual Conference departed this life at the City of Mobile in the year of 1864. More than fifty years ago he joined the Tennessee Annual Conference. He was Local many years; but during the years that he sustained the Local relation he constantly exercised his gifts as a herald of the Cross. He was largely given to hospitality and an Itinerant will long cherish a grateful memory of his generosity. He loved to sing praises and was eloquent as a leader of holy song. He loved little children and sought to bring them to Jesus.

In 1859 after having itinerated as a Supply on various appointments in the Mississippi Conference, he was received into the Louisiana Conference in which he continued till death terminated his labors in the Church Militant. His last hours were cheered by the presence of his Master, and illuminated by the light of immortal hope.

Question Fifteenth - Resumed. Are all the Preachers blameless in life and official administration?

Answer: The names were called of Reynolds S. Trippett, Whitmel P. Kimball, Nehemiah H. Cravens, Robert T. Parish, William D. Slayton, Samuel S. Scott, John A. Miller, Robert A. New, Thomas J. Upton, Richard M. Crowson, Samuel B. Suratt, Thomas B. White, Nathaniel N. Talbot, Samuel J. Hawkins, Levin M. Lewis, John Pipes, James L. Chapman, William H.

Moss, John C. Reed, Robert R. R. Alexander, Baxter Clegg, Jesse Fulton, Charles Carter, Joseph H. Stone, James L. Wright, William G. Haislip, William G. McGaughey, Philip H. Diffenwerth, Thomas H. McClendon, Thos. J. Lacey, Lewis A. Reed, Fielding Bell, Samuel Armstrong, and Joshua F. Scurlock. Their character were passed.

The names of John E. Truslow, William D. Shea, and Anthony Cannon were called. Their characters were passed and they were granted a Location at their own request.

The names of Thomas Samford, David Kinnear, Henry C. Thweatt, Joel Saunders and Charles J. Hallberg were called, their characters were passed and they were continued in the Superannuated relation.

The name of Henry L. Green being called, his character was passed; and having surrendered ordination parchments to the Conference, and having withdrawn from the ministry his name was ordered to be strken from the Roll.

The name of Henry B. Frazee was called, and pending the consideration of his case, the hour of adjournment having arrived, Conference adjourned to meet at three-thirty o'clock in Committee of the Whole on Education.

Benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY

Saturday - December 15th, 1866

Conference met. at 9:00 o'clock, Bishop Paine in the Chair. Religious services were conducted by James A. Ivy. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Philo M. Hoodwyn, Chairman of the Committee on Missions reported the following Constitution for the Board of Domestic Missions of the Louisiana Annual Conference which was adopted.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Board shall be denominated and known as the Board of Domestic Missions of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Article II. The object of this Board is to cooperate with the parent Board of the M. E. Church, South in support of Missions, especially within the territory occupied by this Conference.

Article III. The Officers of this Board shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and five managers, who shall be chosen quadrennially by the Louisiana Conference.

Article IV. The President, and in his absence the vice president, shall preside at all meetings of the Board; and in the absence of both the Board shall elect a President, three of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Article V. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the Funds and property of the Board, subject to the order of the Board, and shall make an accurate and full report annually of all such receipts and disbursements of the Board to the Louisiana Conference.

Article VI. The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the Board.

Article VII. During the year each Preacher in Charge, shall as far as practicable ascertain how much each member will give for the support of the Domestic Missions, and collect the same in such manner as he shall think best.

Article VIII. One-tenth of all the collections made for Domestic Missions shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Parent Board, and any surpluss after supplying our own work.

Article IX. This Constitution may be amended at the Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the Board.

The following members of the Conference were recommended as Officers and Managers of the Board and were elected:

Officers: James A. Ivy, President
 Philo M. Goodwyn, Vice Pres.
 Charles W. Carter, Secretary
 Alexander E. Goodwyn, Treas.

Managers:

Robt. J. Harp Robt. R. R. Alexander
 John Pipes Joseph D. Adams
 Wm. A. McGaughey.

The following action on the subject of Foreign Missions reported by the Committee on Missions was adopted:

RESOLVED, that we do hereby constitute a Committee on Foreign Missions, which shall take in charge all business of this Conference appertaining to the Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Committee shall be elected by the Conference, who shall preside at all Annual and other meetings of this Committee, take charge of all funds collected for Foreign Missions, and dispose of them as directed by the Committee, and report annually to the Conference.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman continue in Office during the pleasure of the Conference, that each preacher preach on behalf of Foreign Missions, and take up a public collection for the same, report the amount to the Committee at its Annual meeting.

Joseph B. Walker recommended as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions, was elected by the Conference.

The Resolution reported by the Committee on Missions, discouraging Independent Colored meetings, was laid on the table.

Thomas J. Upton, Chairman of the Committee on Church Publications presented his report which was read and with the following resolutions was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Conference hail with pleasure the gratifying intelligence, that the Southern Methodist Publishing House has survived the ravages of war, and is now sending the printed page to the multiplied thousands of readers throughout the land.

RESOLVED, that we will do all in our power to circulate the Books of our own Denomination issued at said Publishing House; and that we will sustain the New Orleans Branch of the same by ordering our books therefrom.

RESOLVED, that we will each use every laudable exertion in our power to place the New Orleans Christian Advocate in every family in our respective Charges.

The consideration of the case of Henry B. Frazee was resumed, his character was passed, and he was continued in the class of the Fourth Year.

The committee appointed to investigate certain complaints against James A. Ivy presented the following report, which was adopted and his character was passed.

REPORT

The Committee appointed to investigate certain complaints against James A. Ivy with reference to a business transaction between him and Matthew Bowman, respectfully report that having carefully examined the papers and the evidence setting forth the facts in the case,

we find, That a contract for a certain lot of cotton was made between Col. McGehee and Matthew Bowman which contract was transferred by Col McGehee to James A. Ivy, who assumed the obligation involved. We find that at the time of settlement an entire change in the currency of the Country had taken place, which led to a misunderstanding and then an arbitration and finally a compromise between the parties.

We find from the written statements before us, and the testimony of C. W. Carter and J. H. Stone, that James A. Ivy did comply with the terms of the contract as they were understood and mutually agreed to in the compromise.

Your committee, however, do not approve of the course of Brother Ivy in not complying with the decision of the arbitration by gentlemen selected by the parties for that purpose and avoiding it by what your committee consider extravagant charges. But in as much as the parties subsequently agreed mutually to a settlement, we therefore recommend that the complaint be set aside, and that the character of Bro. Ivy be passed.

Question Eight, Resumed: What Local Preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

Answer: Joseph H. Jordan, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Homer Circuit, was elected.

Question Nine, Resumed: What Traveling

Preachers are elected and Ordained Elders?

J. B. A. Ahrens was elected.

William E. M. Linfield presented and read his report as Chairman of the Committee on Sunday Schools which, with the following resolutions was adopted:

RESOLVED, That a strictly religious direction be given to the instructions imparted in our Sabbath Schools.

RESOLVED, that this Conference recommend to all our Sabbath Schools Superintendents this particular feature of the Sunday School enterprise.

John C. Keener, Treasurer of the Preachers Fund Society presented the following Report which was adopted and ordered to be published in the printed Minutes:

1867

Jany. 8th To cash on hand at last report in 1862 \$283.58
 To note of David O. Shuttuck for \$240 and interest on 139.20 from December 7th, 1843.
 To note of Jack Saunders for \$60. with interest from Dec. 18th 1845.
 To note of R. M. Crowson for \$15 with interest from Dec. 18th, 1845.
 To note of R. Spencer for \$80, with interest from July 26, 1855.
 To amount of Balance Due on note

of B. A. Haughton (deceased) \$897.83
 with interest from Feb 10, 1857
 To note of Trustees of Crap
 Street Church for \$1340.00 with
 interest from Nov. 1st, 1866.
 To note of J. C. Hallberg for
 \$100.00 with interest from Feby.
 10th, 1957.
 To note of D. C. Shattuck for
 \$52, with interest from Jany. 7,
 1848.
 To note of R. A. Stewart for
 \$349.44 and interest from Jany.
 6th, 1857.

Reynolds Trippett, Chairman of the Com-
 mittee on the Bible Cause reported the
 following Resolution which was adopted.

RESOLVED, that we will cooperate with
 the authorized Agents of the Southwes-
 tern Society of New Orleans.

Bishop Paine laid before the Conference
 the ordinance of the General Conference
 changing the style and title of the
 Methodist Episcopal Church for its
 concurrence.

The ayes and noes were called and the
 Conference refused to concur by a vote
 of 15 ayes to 19 noes.

The Bishop also laid before the Confer-
 ence, for its concurrence, the ordi-
 nance of the General Conference in re-
 ference to Lay Representation.

The ayes and noes were called, and the
 conference refused to concur by a vote
 of 8 ayes to 27 naes.

The place for the next Session of the Conference was fixed as New Orleans.

James A. Ivy, Joseph D. Adams, and Henry B. Frazee were granted leaves of absence. On motion Conference adjourned and went into Committee of whole on Education.

FIFTH DAY

Monday - December 17, 1866

Conference met at 9:00 o'clock A. M. Bishop Paine in the Chair. Religious services were conducted by Nehemiah A. Cravens. Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Bishop Paine reported the following persons as ordained by him on Sunday, the 16th of December 1866:

Elders: John B. A. Ahrens and Thomas Duron

Deacons: Thomas S. Collins, William J. Atwood, Joseph H. Jordan, W. K. Simmons, William Banks, Freedman of Color.

Charles W. Carter, Chairman of Committee on Ministerial Support presented the following Report which was read and adopted.

Question Seventeenth: What amounts are necessary to meet the claims of the Superannuated Preachers, and of the widows and Orphans of Preachers who have died in the work?

Answer

\$2540.00

Trustees: What has been collected on the foregoing accounts and how has it been applied?

Answer - Amount collected - - \$1458.00

Applied as follows:

Widows and Orphans of	
W. J. McFarland - - - -	\$159.00
Widows and Orphans of	
Richmond Randle	114.00
Widows and Orphans	
Uriah Whatley	138.00
Orphans- T.B. Baldwin	48.00
" Wm. H. Turnley	39.00
" Samuel Haws	24.00
" John C. Pitts	24.00
Superannuates, Thos. Samford	180.00
" David Kinnear	180.00
" Henry C. Thweatt	90.00
" Joel Saunders	186.00
" Chas. J. Hallberg	276.00
	\$1458.00

Amount necessary to meet the claims	
of Bishop	<u>\$1140.00</u>
Amount collected	<u>958.45</u>
Amount "	<u>27.50</u>
	\$ 985.25

RESOLVED, that we declare the per cent on the total receipts of the Preachers, to meet the claims of the Superannuate and Widows and Orphans for the coming year to be five per cent.

The money paid to the Conference claimants was taken by the following preachers:

Widows and Orphans

Widows and Orphans of McFarland	\$129.00	-	N. A. Cravens
R. Randol	114.00	-	N. A. Cravens
U. Whatley	138.00	-	P. M. Goodwyn
T. B. Baldwin	48.00	-	B. F. Alexander
W. H. Turnley	39.00		P. M. Goodwyn
Sam Hawes	24.00		W. E. M. Linfield
J. C. Pitts	24.00		T. H. McClendon

Superannuates - Thomas Samford	180.00	B. F. Alexander
D. Kinnear	180.00	W. E. Linfield
H. C. Thweatt	90.00	R. J. Harp
Joel Saunders	186.00	J. C. Keener
C. J. Hallberg	276.00	R. J. Harp

The money collected for the Bishops was paid over to Bishop Roebert Paine.

A committee composed of Nehemiah A. Cravens, John C. Reed, and Benjamin F. Alexander was appointed to nominate a preacher to preach the next Conference Sermon. The committee nominated Alexander E. Goodwyn, and he was elected.

Robert R. R. Alexander was appointed on the committee of examination on English Literature in the place of B. F. Alexander resigned.

Charles W. Carter was appointed on the committee of examination on Biblical Literature in the place of W. E. M. Linfield, resigned.

Nehemiah A. Cravens was appointed on the Committee of examination on Ecclesiastical History and Church Government in the place of Samuel J. Hawkins, resigned:

The following were appointed Chairman of the

STANDING COMMITTEES

Visiting Committees:

Centenary College - Charles W. Carter
John C. Keener
Linus Parker

Mansfield F. College:

Benjamin F. Alexander
Samuel B. Suratt
William H. Moss.

Pierce Paine Col: John Pipes

John C. Reed
James S. Chapman.

Homer School: James A. Miller
Thomas J. Upton
Whitmel P. Kimball

Levin M. Lewis, Chairman of the Committee on Education presented his report which was read and together with the following Resolutions, was adopted:

Pierce and Paine College

Your Committee has learned with no little astonishment that the action of the Board of Trustees of Pierce and Paine College on the 5th of December 1865 was such as would work permanent injury to said institution if it did not utterly destroy it. Your committee has thought proper to refuse to surrender the interest committed to the hands of the Church as conservators of the same, and to avoid a precedent which would nullify all our efforts in the Educational field. We report the following resolutions for your adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Conference learns with surprise that the Trustees appointed by it to manage the Endowment Funds and other property of the Pierce and Paine College have, at a Trustee Meeting held December 5, 1865, attempted to destroy a part of those funds and property by passing a resolution to return to persons wjp are indebted to the said college their notes and obligations.

RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled in Conference at Baton Rouge, on this 17th day of December, 1866, do not recognize the

the action of the said Trustees at the said meeting held at Pleasant Hill on the 5th day of December, 1865, as being legal, or in any sense binding upon the Conference or upon Pierce & Paine College: that the action was directly opposed to the interests of the College and of the Church, and a violation of the act of the said Trustees, and the objects of the Trust confided in them.

RESOLVED, that

Henry Philips
J. F. Redding,
Warren Jackson
Baxter S. Porter
John Jordan
A. G. Jordan
J. M. Gibbs,
E. C. Wilson
W. D. Gooch
John M. McClanahan
Iverson Lane
William Hampton

Baxter Clegg	Joseph B. Walker
R. R. R. Alexander	Benj. F. Alexander
John Pipes	S. B. Suratt
Linus Parker	John C. Keener
John C. Reed	Thomas J. Upton
Philo M. Goodwyn	T. B. White

be and they are hereby appointed the Board of Trustees of Pierce and Paine College

RESOLVED, that the said Trustees are hereby instructed and requested to possess themselves of and secure the endorsement of notes and funds of the

said college.

RESOLVED, that we hereby appoint the Rev. Benj. F. Alexander Agent of this Conference to cooperate with the Board of Trustees, in order to secure so far as possible the Endowment Funds and subscriptions to Pierce and Paine College and the said Agent is hereby fully empowered to represent this Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees proceed to finish the buildings of said College.

RESOLVED, that the Rev. J. Sterling Lane be confirmed as President of Pierce and Paine College and that every member of this Conference will feel himself obligated to aid in every manner possible, the energetic labors of those earnest men into whose hands we have committed these sacred trusts.

Homer College

RESOLVED, that the Presiding Elder of the Homer District be, and he is hereby especially requested to look after the interests of Homer College; to secure the buildings from injury, to raise the money necessary to relieve it from debt, and to exert his influence with the Board of Trustees to place the College in operation by the election of a President and Faculty.

RESOLVED, that the following named gentlemen be and are hereby elected Trus-

tees of said College.

Board of Trustees

Nehemiah A. Cravens

W. J. Moreland

W. B. Gill

John A. Miller

W. F. Blackman

Marshall S. Kinnebrew

Dr. E. W. Maddox

Stephen W. Davis,

Joseph H. Jordan

Joshua Willis

W. B. Nicholson

S. S. Scott

Thos. J. Upton

Whitmell P. Kimball,

Samuel Armstrong

CENTENARY COLLEGE

RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Conference feels an undiminished interest in the establishment and prosperity of Centenary College, that we will cooperate with the President, Dr. W. H. Watkins, and the Mississippi Conference, and aid to secure a Church patronage and endowment.

RESOLVED, that we highly approve the election of Rev. Dr. W. H. Watkins to the Presidency of the Institution.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE

RESOLVED, that this Conference has received the annual Report of the Board of Managers of Mansfield Female College and that we approve of the conduct of the Institution during the year 1866.

The following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that we recommend to the favorable consideration of our people, The Home Monthly, published at the Methodist Publishing House, by the Rev. Felix R. Hill of the Tennessee Conference and edited by Prof. Stark.

A supernumerary relation was asked for Samuel S. Scott and it was granted.

Thomas J. Upton offered the following resolution of thanks which were adopted:

RESOLVED, that we hereby tender our thanks to the citizens of Baton Rouge for the hospitable manner in which we have been entertained by them.

RESOLVED, that our thanks be tendered to the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge for the use of their Church on the Sabbath.

RESOLVED, that we tender to Bishop Paine our thanks for the courteous and able manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body.

RESOLVED, that we return our thanks to the secretary and his assistant for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties.

The minutes of today were read and approved; and the Bishop, after an appropriate address announced -

THE APPOINTMENTS

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT- John C. Keener, P.E.

Carondelet St.	Joseph B. Walker
Felicity Street	Linus Parker
Moreau Street	Robert J. Harp
Dryades Street &	John B. A. Ahrens
Crap St. Ger. Church	To be supplied.
Lafayette and Carroll-	
ton German Church	John Pauley.

Jefferson City &	
Louisiana Avenue -	Charles F. Evans.
New Orleans Ct.	To be supplied
Colored Charges	To be supplied
Baton Rouge	Charles W. Carter
Plaquemine &	
Grosse Tete	To be supplied
Centenary College-	Almarin G. Miller
Thibodeaux	Philo M. Goodwyn.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT-Alexander M. Goodwyn
P.E.

Opelousas	John Wilkinson
"	John S. Davis, Supern'y.
Washington and	
Bayou Boeuff	Jos. D. Adams
Bayou Mallet	James E. Bradley
Plaquemine Brule	Fisher T. Rawson
Lafayette	J. H. Mims, Supply.
Vermillion and	
Junction	Henry B. Frazee
New Iberia	Alexander E. Goodwyn
Franklin	Baxter Clegg
Pattersonville &	
Berwick City	J. Knight, Supply.
Opelousas Female	
School	Benj. F. White
Grand Cheniere	Seaborn J. Graves
Calcasieu	To be supplied.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT- James A. Ivy, P.E.

Alexandria	Henry O. White
Harrisonburg and	
Columbia	Edwin W. Yancey
Evergreen and	
Big Cane	Robert A. Davis
Winnfield and	
Atlanta	John F. Wynn
Spring Creek	Frederick White

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT - BENJ. F. ALEXANDER

P. E.

Shreveport	Reynolds S. Trippett
North Bossier	Robt. R. R. Alexander
Caddo Ct.	Samuel B. Suratt
Mansfield	John Pipes
Pleasant Hill	William H. Moss
Manny	H. J. Smith, Supply
Anacoco	J. M. Franklin, Sup.
Natchitoches	James L. Chapman
Springville	John C. Reed
Campti	Jesse Fulton

HOMER DISTRICT - JOHN A MILLER, P.E.

Homer	Nehemiah A. Cravens
Vernon	Thomas J. Upton
Louisville	Charles W. Hodge
Farmerville	Robert T. Parish
Minden,	Thomas B. White
	S. S. Scott, Supn'y.
Haynesville	Wm. C. Haislip
Mount Lebanon	Whitmel P. Kimball
Sparta and	
Bienville	Richard M. Crowson
South Bossier	Nathaniel M. Talbot
Monroe and Trenton	To be supplied.

MONROE DISTRICT - JAMES S. WRIGHT, P.E.

Monroe & Trenton	To be supplied
Island and Wright's	
Chapel	John T. Davis
Quachita	Samuel Armstrong
Bastrop	Joshua F. Scurlock
Bayou Bartholomew	Wm. D. Stayton
Jefferson	H. T. Lewis, Supply.

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT -

Wm. G. McGaughey, P. E.

Lake Providence and

Pecan Grove Thos. J. Lacey

Lake Providence Dist. (Cont'd.)

Carroll	T. Renneau, Supply
Delhi and Floyd	Benj. R. Duval
Oakley	Lewis A. Reed
"	Alanson W. Moore
Sicily Island and	
Tensas Chapel	Joseph H. Stone
Waterproof and	
St. Joseph	Fielding Bell
Ion	Thos. H. McClendon
Wesley	Philip H. Diffrenwerth

TRANSFERRED:

Robert Parvin to Little Rock Conference
 Levin M. Lewis to Texas Conference
 Arthur W. Smith to " "
 Samuel J. Hawkins, East Texas. Con.
 Wade H. Frost to Memphis Conference
 Wm. E. M. Linfield to Mississippi Conf.
 and stationed at Natchez.
 Robert A. New to Mississippi Conference.

LOCATED:

John H. Boulton
 Clayton G. Gillespie
 William D. Shea
 Anderson B. Fly
 John F. Truslow
 Anthony Cannon

WITHDRAWN FROM THE MINISTRY:

Henry L. Green

SUPERANNUATED:

Thomas Samford
David Kinnear
Henry C. Thweatt
Joel Saunders
Charles J. Hallberg.

On motion Conference adjourned with
prayer and the Benediction

Linus Parker, Secretary

R. Paine.

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